GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REPLACEMENT OF RAIL ENGINES .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail engines which have outlived their life; and

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to replace them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) The position of overaged diesel locos as on 31.03.2006 is as under:

Broad Gauge	Metre Gauge	Narrow Gauge
260	119	03

Electrical locos - NIL

(b) Replacement of overaged locomotives is planned on year-to-year basis through Rolling Stock Programme. However, it is clarified that codal life is only indicative and actual condemnation is done on the basis of age cum condition of locos. Railways make sure that even locos running after achieving their codal life are kept in good mechanical fettle. Safety of train operation is not compromised under any circumstances.